

Consolidated Emissions Reporting Rule (CERR)

The CERR was published in the Federal Register on Monday, June 10, 2002 (FR Volume 67, Number 111, pp 39602 - 39616). Interested parties are strongly encouraged to read the promulgated rule to understand all of its details. The final rule is available on the CHIEF website (<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/cerr/index.html>) This brief summary is provided as a quick introduction to the CERR and covers the major items in the rule.

The purpose of the CERR is to simplify reporting, offer options for data collection and exchange, and unify reporting dates for various categories of criteria pollutant emission inventories. The rule applies to State and local agencies. Previous reporting requirements have, at times, forced reporting agencies into inefficient collecting and reporting activities. This rule consolidates the emission inventory reporting requirements found in various parts of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Consolidation of reporting requirements will enable State and local agencies to better explain to program managers and the public the necessity for a consistent inventory program, increases the efficiency of the emission inventory program, and provide more consistent and uniform data.

The first emissions reportable under the CERR are annual point source emissions for the year 2001 and are due June 1, 2003. We have significantly reduced the number of point sources that are required to be reported annually, so this requirement should reduce the reporting agencies workload. States will be required to prepare a comprehensive Statewide inventory every three years. The first three year inventory will be for the year 2002 and will be due June 1, 2004.

The following table presents a summary of the major provisions in the CERR and shows the differences before the CERR and after.

Consolidated Emissions Reporting Rule (CERR) Major Provisions

<u>PROVISION</u>	<u>BEFORE CERR</u>	<u>CERR</u>
Pollutants Reported	SO _x , VOC, NO _x , CO, Pb, PM ₁₀	SO _x , VOC, NO _x , CO, Pb, PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} *, NH ₃ *
Sources/Geographic Area	Point Sources - National Area, Onroad Mobile, Nonroad Mobile Biogenic-Nonattainment Areas Only	Point, Area, Onroad Mobile, Nonroad Mobile, Biogenics - National
Point Source Threshold	One set of thresholds for national reporting, different thresholds for Nonattainment Areas	Two sets of thresholds for national reporting (large sources and smaller sources), different thresholds for Nonattainment Areas
Reporting Frequency		
Point Sources	Annual for All	Large Point Sources - Annual Small Point Sources - Triennial
Area, Onroad Mobile, Nonroad Mobile, Biogenics	If required, Triennial	Triennial

*Reporting requirements for PM_{2.5} and NH₃ are delayed for point sources. See §51.30 (e) of the rule.

